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SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY AWARDED GREY MUZZLE GRANT TO HELP SENIOR DOGS

AUGUST 31, 2026, Spokane, WA – The Grey Muzzle Organization has awarded a significant grant to Spokane Humane Society to strengthen local efforts to support vulnerable senior dogs in our community.

Spokane Humane Society is one of a select group of animal welfare organizations nationwide chosen to receive funding through this highly competitive grant program. This support will expand access to essential veterinary and dental care for senior dogs in our community, helping address financial barriers that can put families at risk of having to make the difficult decision to surrender a beloved pet. By providing care when it is needed most, the Staying Home grant will help more senior dogs remain healthy, comfortable, and at home with the families who love them.

Aspen, a 9-year-old mixed-breed dog, is already benefiting from the grant. When her family became concerned about how they would manage the cost of her needed medical and dental care, Spokane Humane Society was able to provide another path forward. Through funding from The Grey Muzzle Organization, Aspen received an exam and bloodwork at no cost to her family, with funding also available for her needed dental procedure. With access to this support, Aspen can continue receiving the care she needs while remaining at home with her family.

“Aspen is exactly why this funding matters,” said Kristi Soto, Director of Marketing and Development at Spokane Humane Society. “For families facing financial barriers, the cost of veterinary care can put an already cherished relationship at risk. This support allows us to step in when help is needed, so more senior dogs can remain where they belong, with the people who know and love them.”

This year's Grey Muzzle grant cycle emphasizes the development and dissemination of best practices that can be adopted by shelters and rescues across the country, extending the impact of these investments to help far more senior dogs nationwide.

Over the past 18 years, The Grey Muzzle Organization has distributed more than \$8.3 million in grants, building a national network dedicated to elevating senior dog welfare standards.

"We are thrilled to support programs that deliver immediate care while also establishing scalable best practices to strengthen senior dog initiatives nationwide," said Emily Grossheider, Executive Director of The Grey Muzzle Organization. "Senior dogs are among the most vulnerable in our communities, and programs like this demonstrate what is possible when organizations have the resources to intervene before families are faced with difficult choices."

Through this partnership, Spokane Humane Society can help more senior dogs receive the care they need while preserving the important bond they share with their families.

About Spokane Humane Society

Since 1897, Spokane Humane Society has been improving the lives of pets and people by providing care, resources, and services when they are needed most. As a private, nonprofit organization that receives no government funding, they rely on the generosity of the community to provide shelter, medical care, adoption services, foster care, and veterinary services for the low-income community. Every day, they help animals find new beginnings while keeping pets with the families who love them through programs that strengthen the human-animal bond across the greater Spokane region.

Follow Spokane Humane Society on Instagram and Facebook. Visit online at spokanehumanesociety.org.

About The Grey Muzzle Organization

The Grey Muzzle Organization is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit dedicated to saving and improving the lives of at-risk senior dogs. Since 2008, Grey Muzzle has provided \$8.3 M to animal shelters, rescue groups, and sanctuaries across the country to give older dogs the second chance they deserve. The organization champions the belief that senior dogs enrich our lives and have so much to teach us patience, respect, responsibility, loyalty, and unconditional love. Grey Muzzle envisions a **envisions a time when every senior dog finds safety, love, and a soft landing**. Visit www.greymuzzle.org to learn more or support the mission.

PHOTO CAPTION:

Aspen is one of many lovable senior dogs receiving a second chance thanks to support from The Grey Muzzle Organization. Photos attached: Aspen, 9, is staying where she belongs, at home with her family, thanks to veterinary and dental care provided through Spokane Humane Society and supported by a Staying Home grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization.